

**Inquiry:**

Ben,

In light of recent public statements by one of the PRPs at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site and references by our Congressional Delegation that there is evidence that there could be "other waste streams" for RIM at the Bridgeton and West Lake Landfills, please provide any information you have on this assertion, including the types of materials suspected, and your plan to prove or disprove it.

From our Congressional Delegation in a letter to DOE dated July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Additionally new concerns have been raised by a PRP that non-Cotter affiliated material may be present at the West Lake and Bridgeton sites, including material that was possibly under the jurisdiction of the DOE and its precursors when it was placed at the site. Should such material in fact be present, a renewed inquiry into the sites inclusion in the FUSRAP would be merited.

[http://m.stltoday.com/business/local/waste-from-feds-could-merit-new-west-lake-oversight-area/article\\_9bbbe6c5-7fa2-5272-9d44-8a81a3eb61a8.html?mobile\\_touch=true](http://m.stltoday.com/business/local/waste-from-feds-could-merit-new-west-lake-oversight-area/article_9bbbe6c5-7fa2-5272-9d44-8a81a3eb61a8.html?mobile_touch=true)

"There's some evidence that there could be other waste streams there," said Craig Nesbit, a spokesman for Exelon Generation.

We appreciate your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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**Proposed Draft Response:**

The Cotter Corporation, one of the West Lake Landfill Site's Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), recently sent a letter to EPA requesting permission to perform additional site characterization work in Areas 1 and 2 of Operable Unit 1. The main effort of this additional site work consists of seven potential boring locations to further characterize the nature, location, and extent of radiologically impacted material (RIM) within the landfill. EPA has approved this additional site work as long as it furthers EPA's understanding of the nature and extent of the RIM and if it will not result in any delays to the overall site timeline and progress towards a long-term remedy.

The Cotter Corporation alleges additional waste streams may be present in the RIM, and that this effort may clarify the nature of RIM within the landfill. EPA has no credible scientific evidence demonstrating Cotter's claims, however the agency will thoroughly review any additional information submitted by Cotter as a result of this additional sampling effort.

Cotter will perform the proposed work the normal EPA process for sampling and under the normal EPA oversight procedures.